

DURHAM'S GANG REDUCTION STRATEGY

MARCH 2012 REPORT

City Council Work Session
March 8, 2012

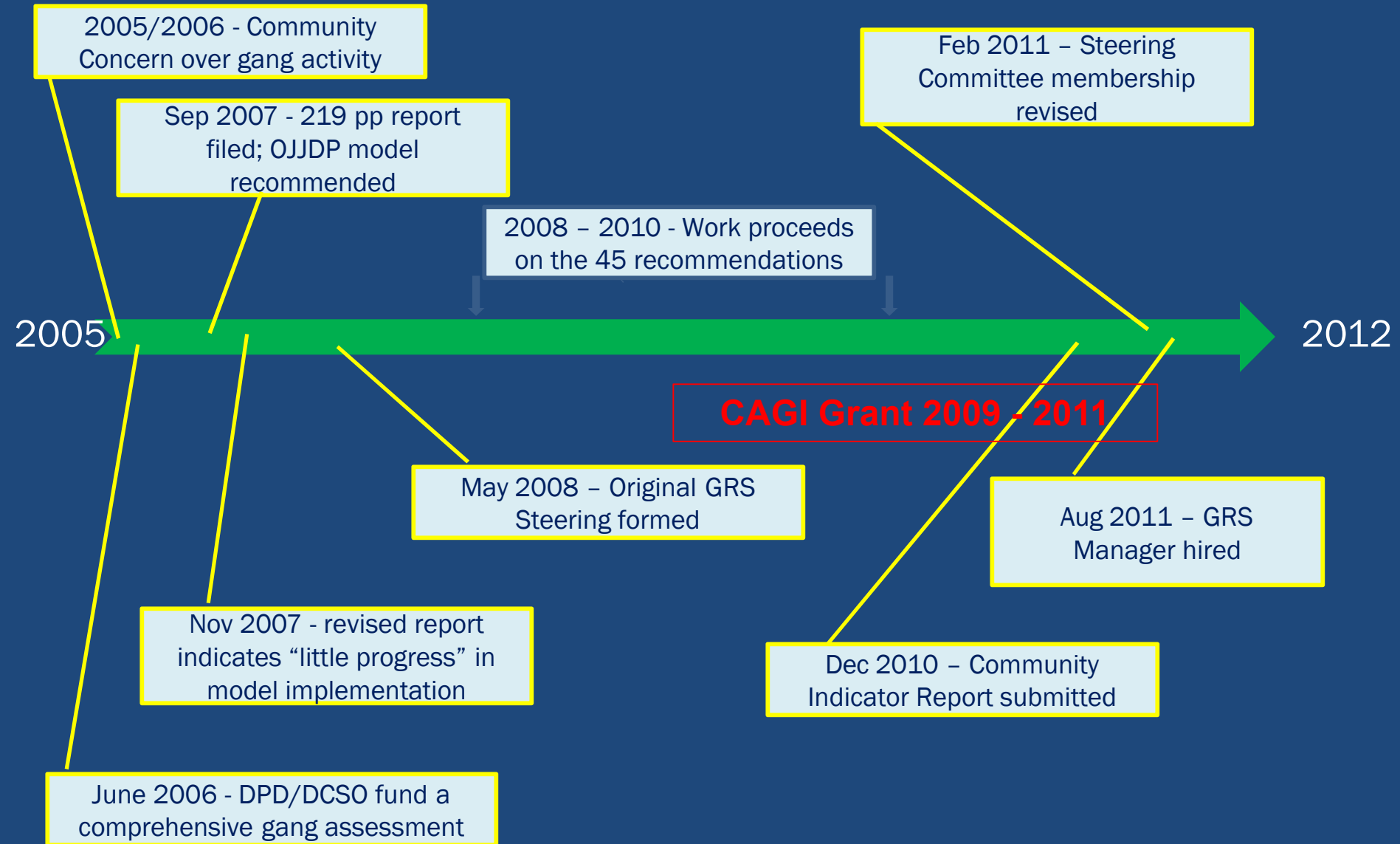


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OUTLINE

1. Time Line
2. Comprehensive Anti-Gang Initiative (CAGI)
3. Steering Committee/GRS Manager
4. Current Status (success and challenges in prevention, intervention and suppression)
5. Statistics of Interest to the Steering Committee
6. 2012 and Beyond

TIMELINE OF GANG REDUCTION EFFORTS IN DURHAM

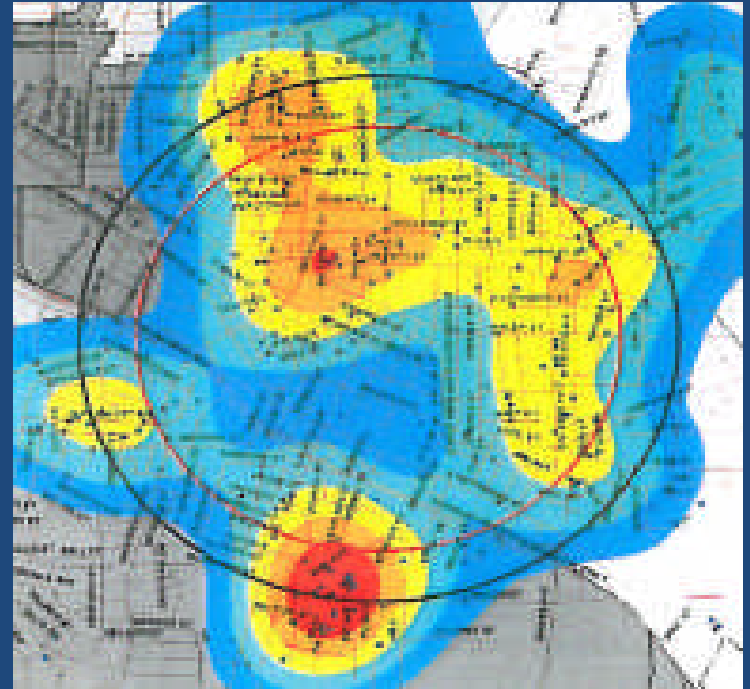


COMPREHENSIVE ANTI-GANG INITIATIVE (CAGI)

- US Justice Department initiative to support law enforcement efforts to combat gang crime and promote prevention efforts
- In 2007 \$2.5 million awarded to be evenly split between Raleigh and Durham
- Durham funds spent on police overtime, funding prevention efforts, and funding re-entry programs

CAGI – SUPPRESSION

- CAGI funded “Operation Bull’s Eye” which targeted a geographic area known for gang crime
- CAGI provided funding for overtime



- Decline in number of violent crimes committed with a firearm in Bull’s Eye area during project implementation
- 160 officers provided with 40 hours of gang awareness and enforcement training

CAGI – PREVENTION/INTERVENTION

CAGI funded components of several programs:

1. Community Helping Adolescents Make Positive Strides (CHAMP)
2. Communities in Schools (CIS)
3. Education, Development, Growth and Employment (EDGE)
4. North Carolina Child Response Initiative (NCCRI)
5. Religious Coalition for Non-Violent Durham

CAGI – PREVENTION/INTERVENTION

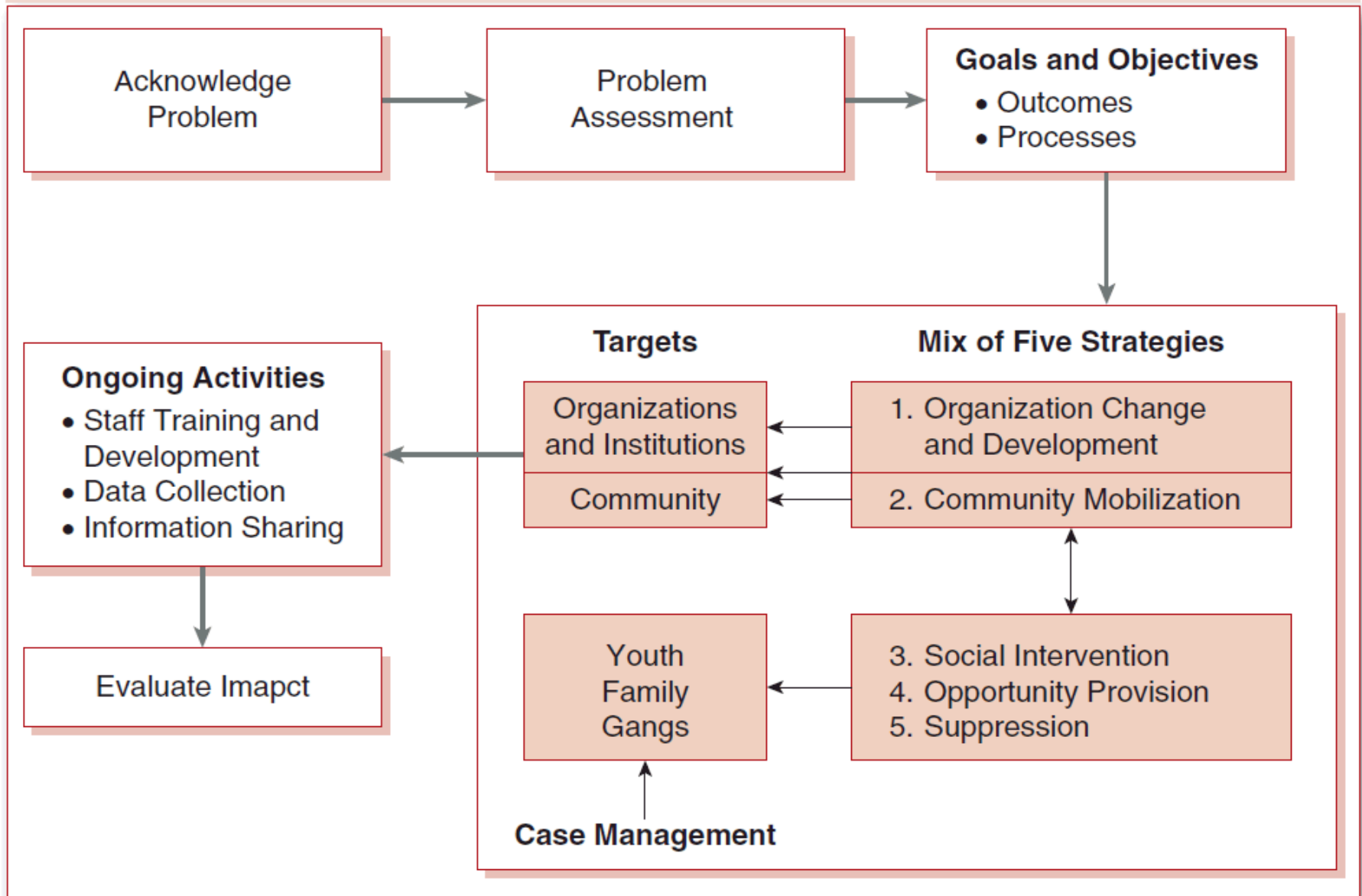
- Sales/service training, mentoring for 11 students
- Parent training groups served 66 parents
- Teacher training workshops served 15
- GED for 80 gang-affiliated youth
- Services provided for 76 families who were exposed to violence
- 71 faith-based organizations engaged through monthly luncheon roundtables

CAGI – RE-ENTRY

- Targeted gang-affiliated offenders leaving prison and returning to Durham
- Goal was to reduce recidivism through provision of highly structured programs

- Of the 53 cases, 10 remain active and 43 have been closed
- 14 completed the program, 20 were terminated, some with new charges, some returning to prison and some transferring to another jurisdiction

Figure 10.1 Comprehensive Gang Model



GRS STEERING COMMITTEE – EST. 2011

- interorganizational group formed to respond to a **COMMUNITY PROBLEM**
- planned and systemic **INTERAGENCY COOPERATION**
- meets on a bi-monthly basis to work through the 45 recommendations
- Provides overall leadership for the **ENTIRE** effort (prevention, intervention, suppression)

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Tom Bonfield
- Mike Ruffin
- Bill Bell
- Michael Page
- Jose Lopez
- Mike Andrews
- Dallas Parks
- Leon Stanback
- Newman Aguiar
- Ripley Rand
- Barker French
- Phail Wynn
- Eric Becoats
- Casey Steinbacher
- Minnie Forte-Brown
- Pilar Rocha-Goldberg
- Judge Marcia Morey
- Kathy Shuart
- Kevin Rome
- Ann Oshel

GRS MANAGER

- position is jointly funded by the City and County through an Inter-Local Agreement (July 2011)
- coordinates all activities of the Steering Committee (agenda, speakers, minutes, action items, progress reports)
- develops and manages GRS efforts/strategies in areas of prevention, intervention and suppression
- collects data, provides reports, provides information and outreach to the community

PREVENTION – CURRENT STATUS AND CHALLENGES

Effort underway to form a strong Prevention Coalition

- site visits by GRS Manager
- providing NPO's with information that meets their needs (and ours)
- pointing out benefits of a unified coalition effort
- coalition “collaboration meetings”

Non-Profit Workshop

Date/Time: Thursday February 2, 2012 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Holton Center @ 401 N. Driver St., Durham, NC

Workshop Agenda

9:00 – 9:15 Sign-in, refreshments

9:15 – 9:30 Overview of At-Risk Youth (Criminal Justice Resource Center staff)

9:30 – 9:45 Non-profit funding trends (Criminal Justice Resource Center staff)

9:45 – 10:00 JCPC funding (Criminal Justice Resource Center staff)

10:00 – 10:30 Performance measurement and identification as “evidenced based” (Nonprofit Management Program Duke University Continuing Studies staff)

10:30 – 11:00 The role of board members, executive directors, paid staff and volunteers (Nonprofit Management Program Duke University Continuing Studies staff)

11:00 – 11:30 Collaboration – the C word: Why should I widen my tent? (Nonprofit Management Program Duke University Continuing Studies staff)

11:30 – 1:00 Lunch and networking: During this time, all attendees will have an opportunity to provide information about their organization

- This workshop is sponsored by the Gang Reduction Strategy Steering Committee of Durham
- Attendees are encouraged to join the Prevention/Intervention Coalition (a sign-up sheet will be provided)
- The workshop is free and lunch is included
- To ensure an accurate lunch count, please contact Jim Stuit (Gang Reduction Strategy Manager) at jstuit@durhamcountync.gov if you plan to attend

Workshop for partners

February 2, 2012



- DPS, DSS, local non-profits, others
- Training on the Comprehensive Gang Model
- Presented strong case for cooperation and partnership
- 45 attendees, ~ 30 interested in prevention/intervention collaborative

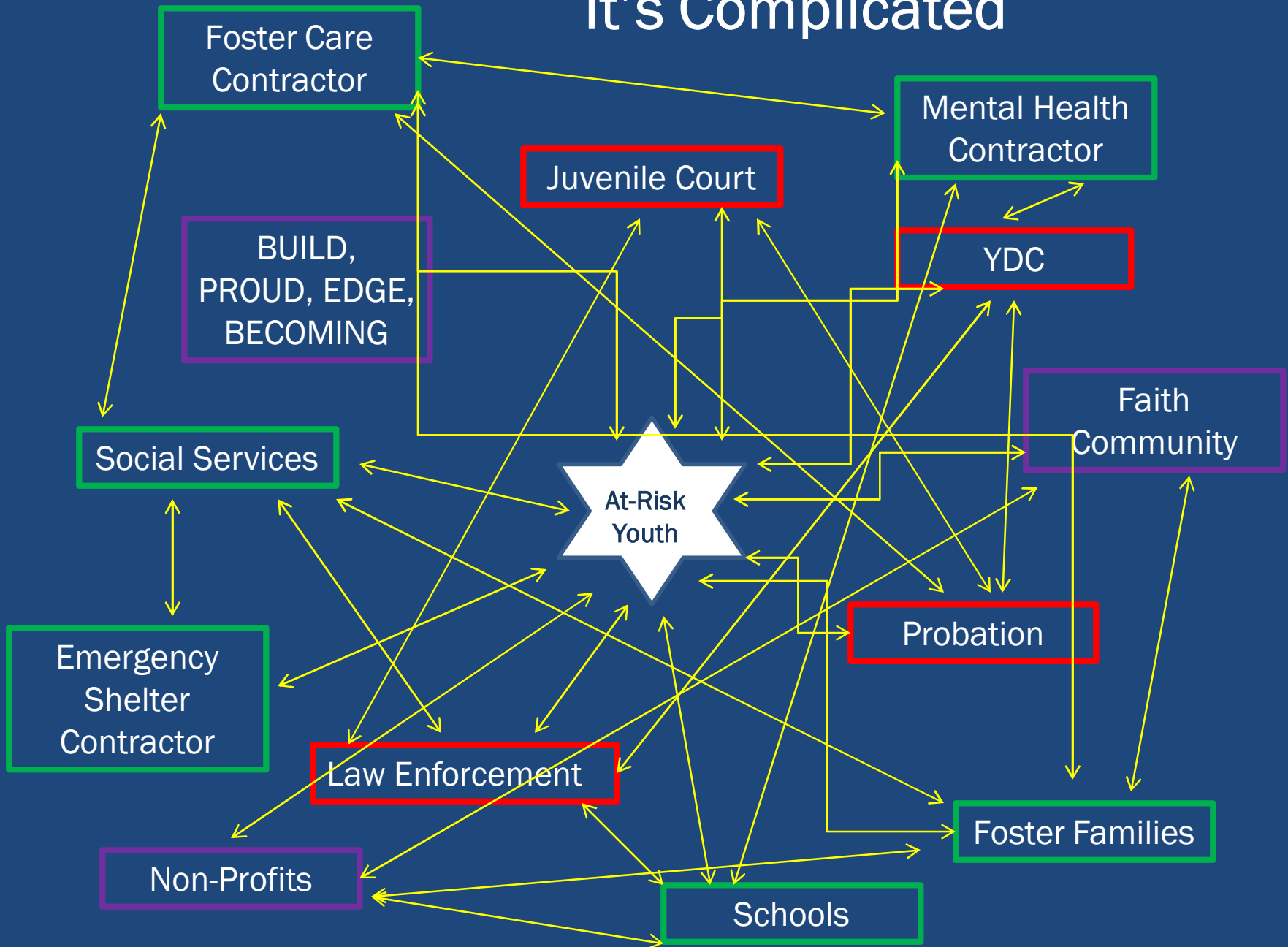
PREVENTION – CURRENT STATUS AND CHALLENGES



Community Mobilization



It's Complicated



A Community Resource Guide is being developed. It will be:

1. Up to data, with methods in place to frequently remove resources that are no longer viable and add the new ones
2. Web accessible, but also in print/handout format
3. Available in Spanish

INTERVENTION – CURRENT STATUS AND CHALLENGES

-Designed to function as a wrap-around service structure for potential or current gang members ages 14-21

-Services include

1. Education
2. Employment
3. Life skills
4. Mentoring/role modeling



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INTERVENTION TEAM



Since Inception:

- 156 participants provided an intervention plan
- 45 completed probation requirements
- 67 have not re-entered the juvenile justice system



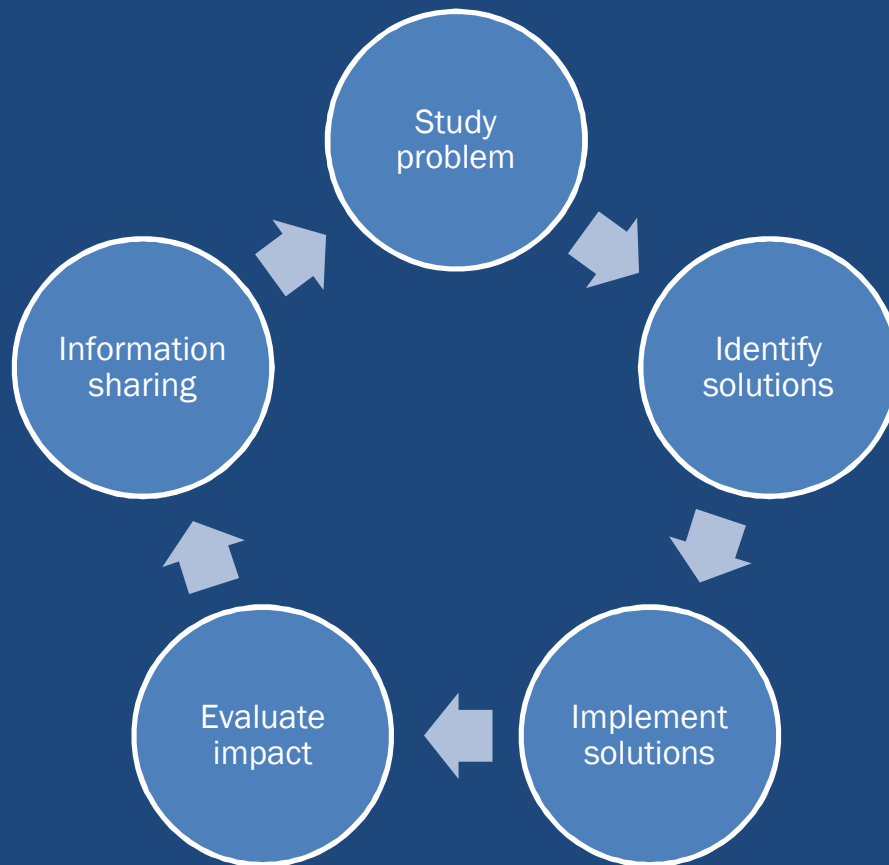
- At the end of 2011, there were 15 potential participants on the waiting list
- The current economy is generating additional risk factors
- Additional Intervention Teams are needed for at-risk youth who are not necessarily “gang involved”

SUPPRESSION – CURRENT STATUS AND CHALLENGES

- + mutual aid and information sharing between DCSO and DPS
- + increased involvement of Ripley Rand (US Attorney for the Middle District)
- + focus on violent crime committed by youth
- loss of funding for anti-gang effort in Bull's Eye area
- questions surrounding viability of GangNet, and its compatibility with other software being used by law enforcement agencies

EVALUATING THE IMPACT

- We don't want to develop a “fixed image” that doesn't change as the problem does



STATISTICS OF INTEREST TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Elements of the Comprehensive Gang Model include:

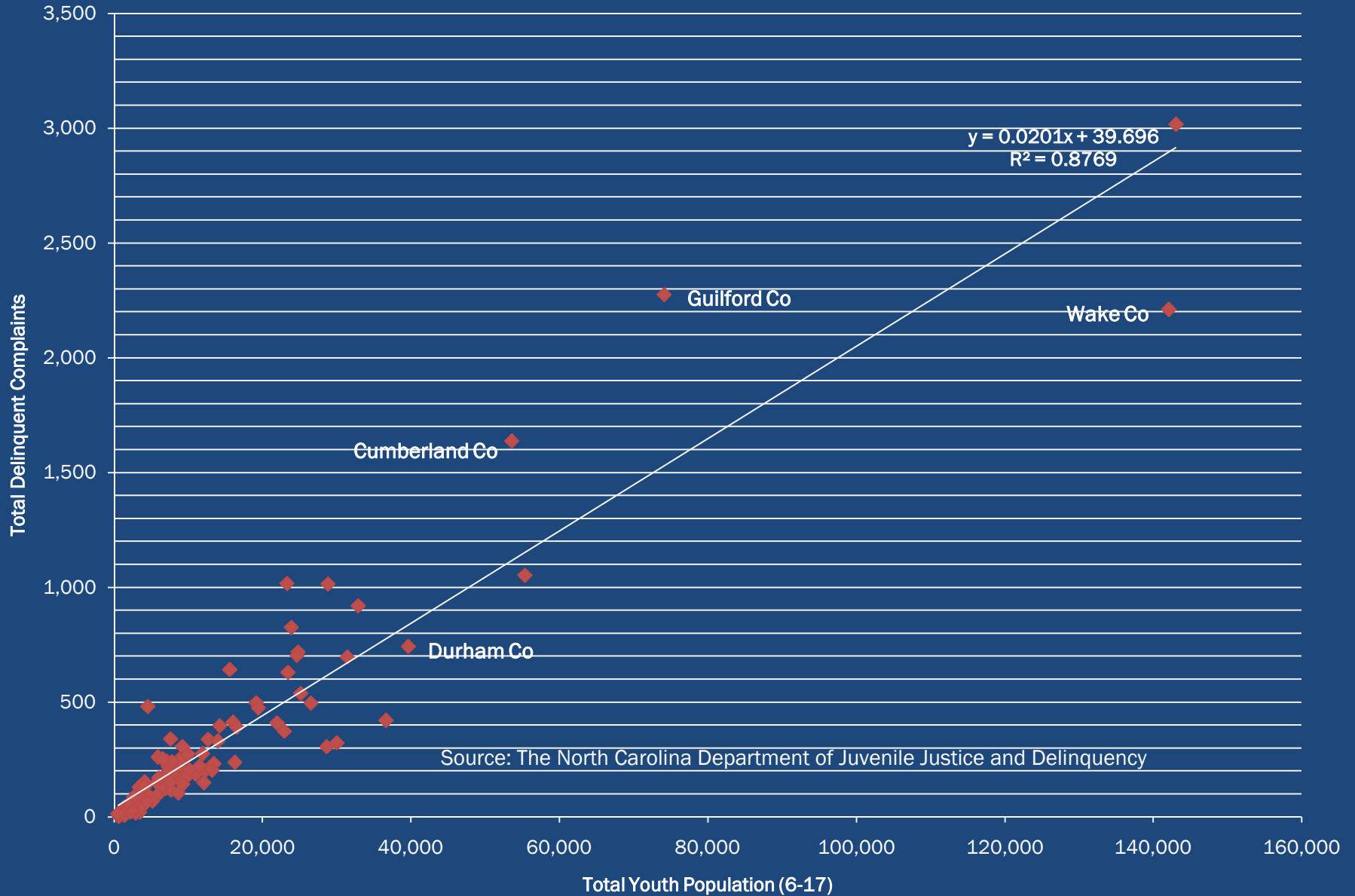
- Data Collection
- Evaluation of Impact
- Information Sharing

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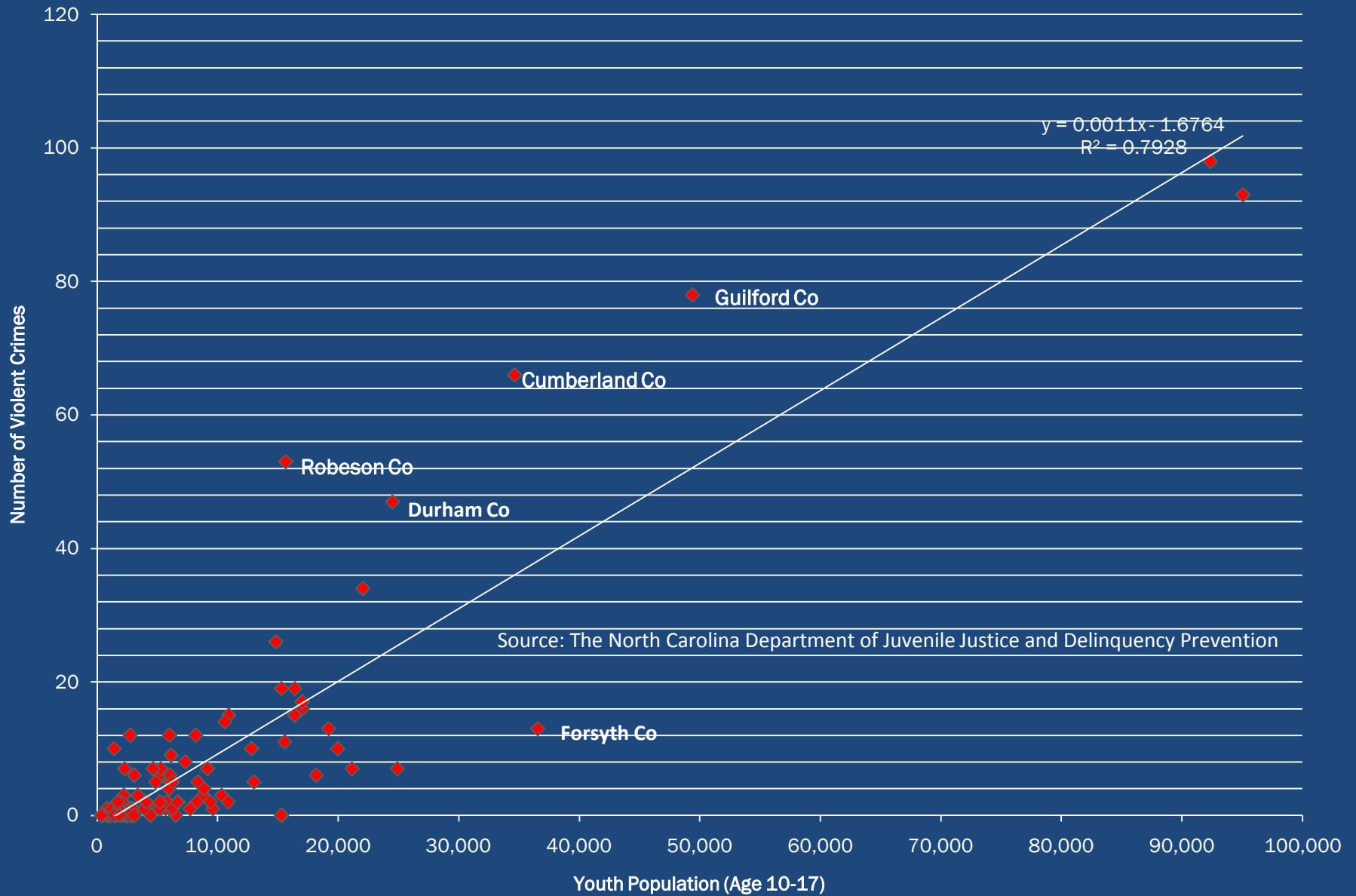
39,643 YOUTH AGE 6 - 17
CURRENTLY LIVING IN DURHAM



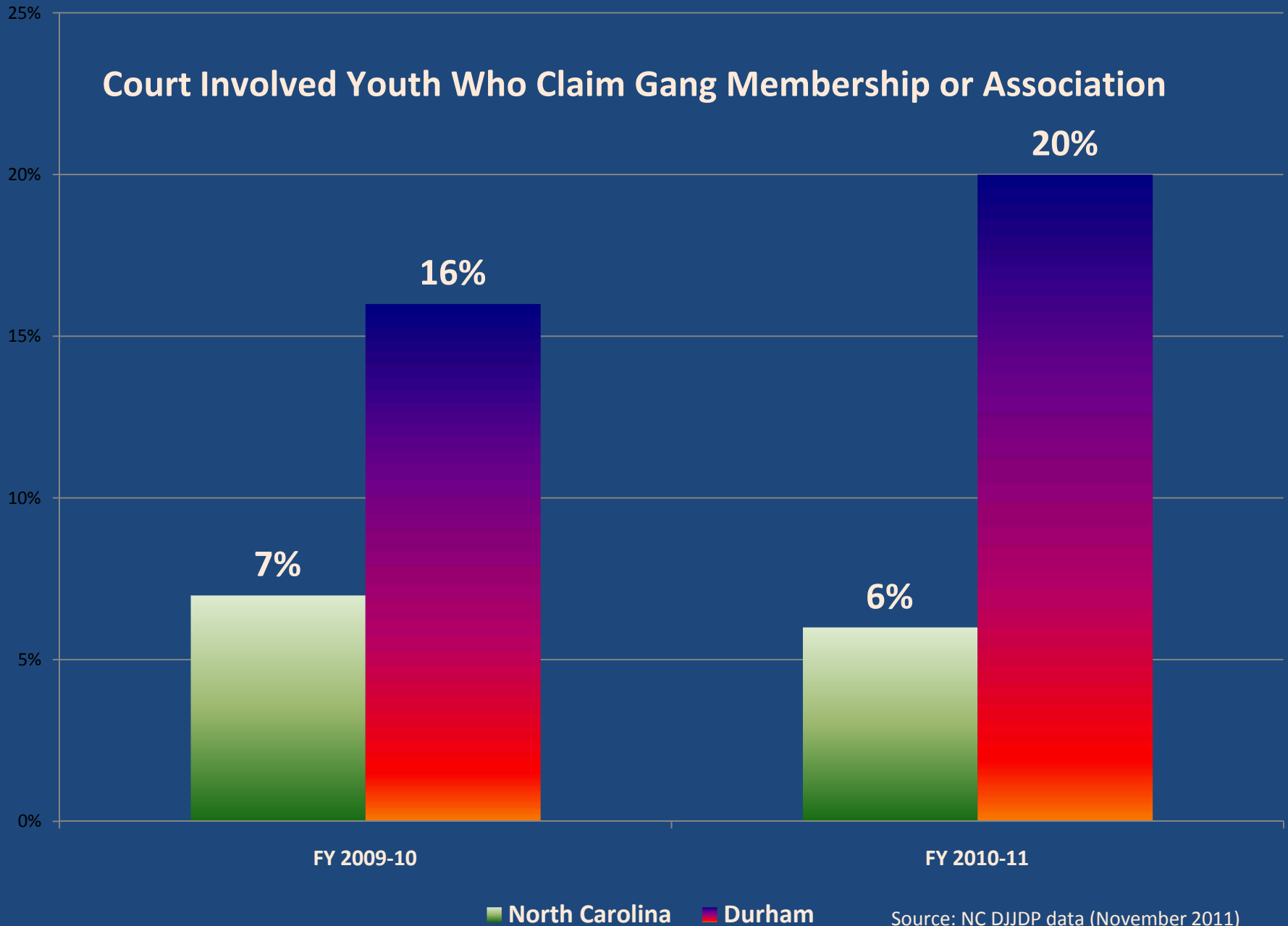
Population of Youth (6-17) vs. Total Delinquent Complaints in 2010



Youth Population (10-17) vs Violent Class A-E Crimes (2010)

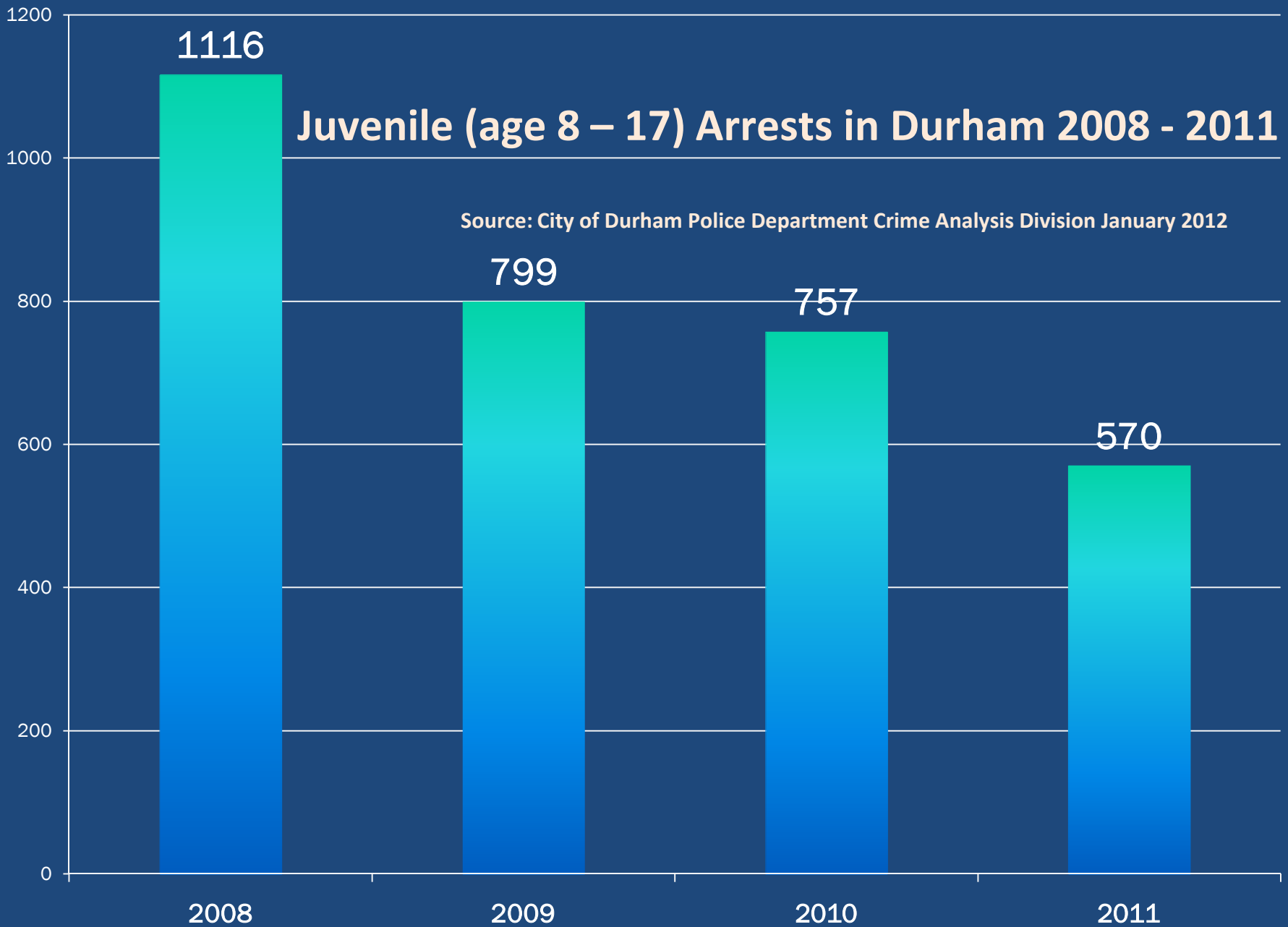


Court Involved Youth Who Claim Gang Membership or Association

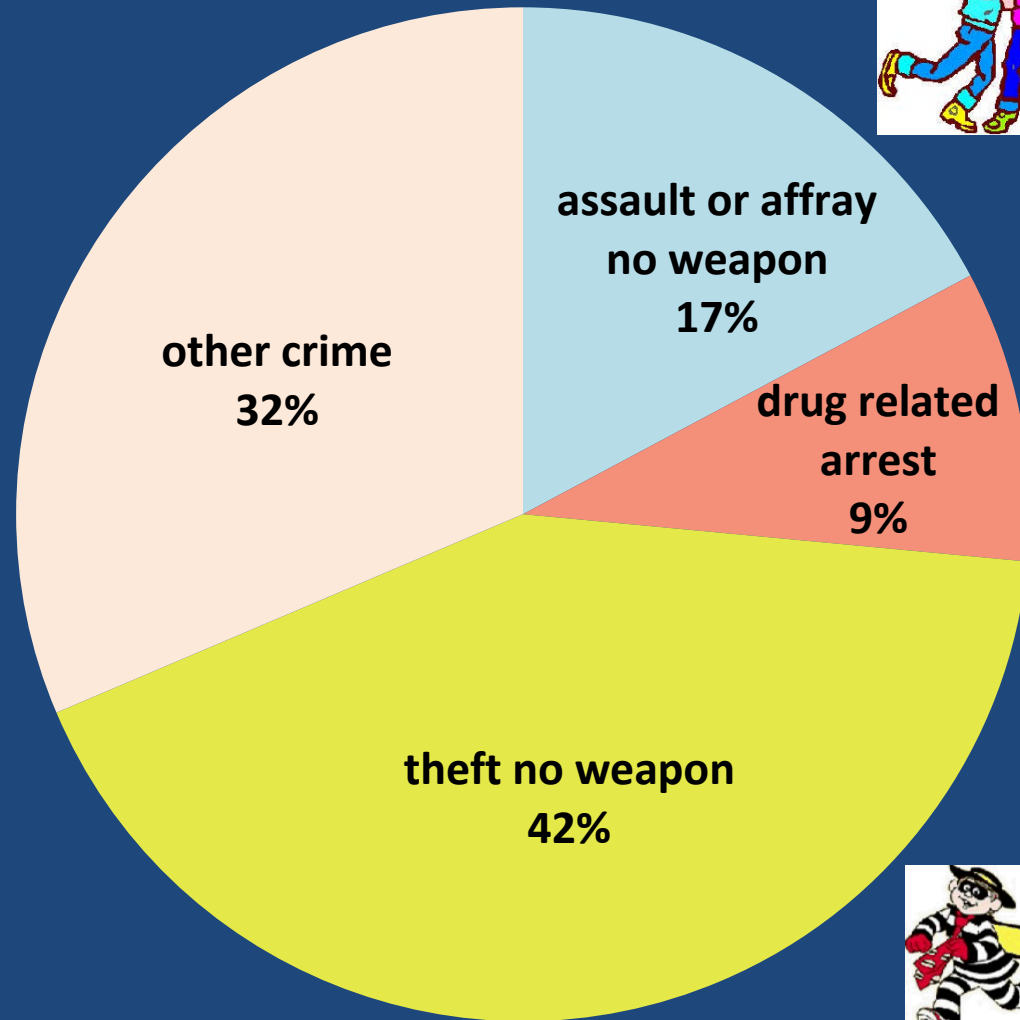


Juvenile (age 8 – 17) Arrests in Durham 2008 - 2011

Source: City of Durham Police Department Crime Analysis Division January 2012

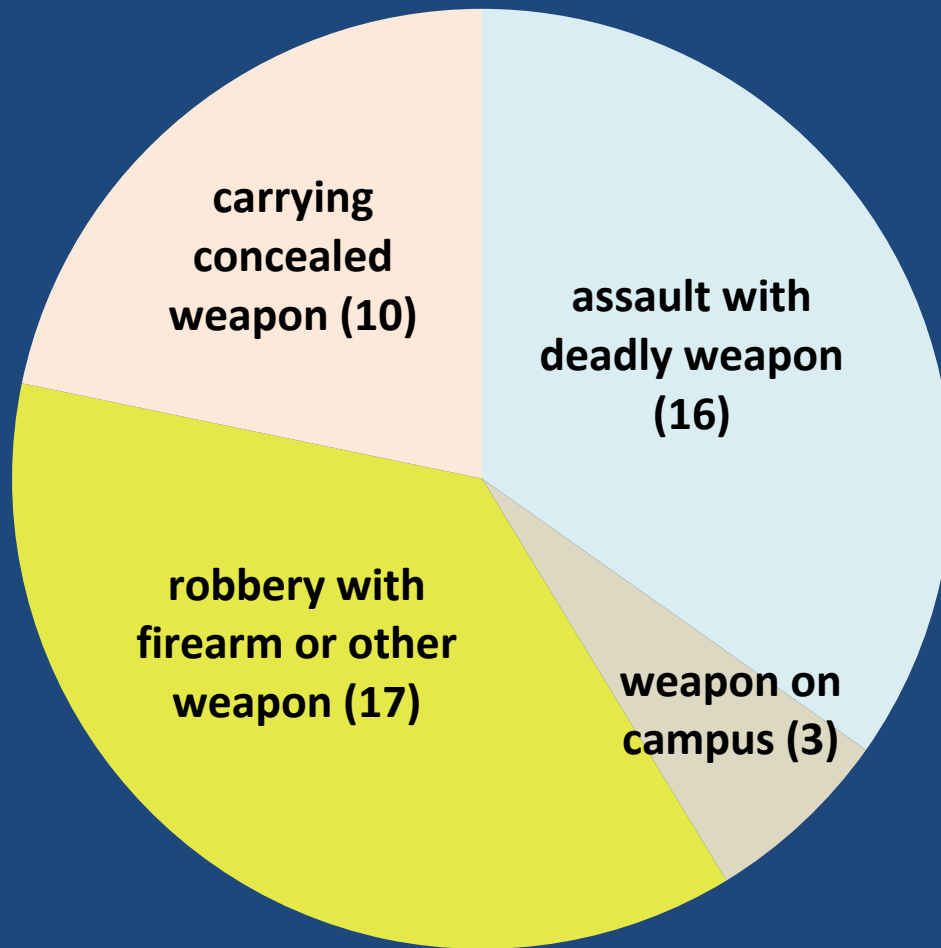


Juvenile Arrests in Durham 2011 (n=570)



Juvenile Weapons Arrests in Durham 2011 (n=46)

8.1% of Total Juvenile Arrests (n=570)



2012 AND BEYOND...

- Continued implementation of the Comprehensive Gang Model
- Complete recommendations, develop new ones as needed
- Solidify the Prevention/Intervention Collaborative
- Explore how the Reentry component fits in the picture (~ 700 return to the community annually)
- Continued data collection and evaluation
- Report to the community